

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 2 Week 4**

**15th May 2012**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Winter sport is now in full swing and an initial scan of the feedback that I received in the health consultation forms confirms my initial thoughts that a very large number of our pupils play a winter sport. In some rooms 100% participation is achieved, a very commendable achievement.

The debate rages in most sporting circles on what is the correct age for children to play sport with winning as the primary focus as opposed to developing skills and participation. As a parent I have three children all involved in sports, and at very different stages.

My youngest plays a range of sports: Tball, football, miniball, flipperball and touch. The model seems to me the best for children in the middle primary is football where the children meet up before hand and the coach runs a skills session then they play games on small modified fields.

I'm sure that other sports run similar programmes and the ministicks hockey programme was also very successful.

My older two children both play in the premier division of the secondary boys and girls grades in their various sports, here winning is the aim. One is coached by a highly experienced innovative coach who makes practice and the hard work needed to win fun, not everyone could get Grace to do a training session at 6.40am.

The thing to remember is that except in the highest etalon of sport, sport should be something that the child wants to do, it should be enjoyable, - yes challenging but not something onerous that they don't want to do.

Parents help by being enthusiastic and support, as the great American golfer Ray Floyd said "If I didn't enjoy golf I wouldn't be nearly as good".

Have a great week.

Mike Brosnahan

Principal

## Marjorie Orr from the SPCA visited to teach us about safety around dogs



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

### Dates for May

Tuesday 15th SPCA Visit  
Friday 25th Assembly Rm 4/6, 2.20pm  
Reports go home  
Tuesday 29th Confirmation 6.30pm  
Wed and Thurs 30th & 31st -Interviews

### June

1st Assembly Rms 3 & 5  
5th –8th Scholastic Book Fair  
13th BOT Meeting 7.30pm  
15th Assembly Rms 1 & 2  
18th St Johns Visit  
27th Prepared Speeches Yrs 6-8

### Cheese Rolls This Weekend!

**Friday 18th now starting from 1—8pm  
& Saturday 19th of May starting at 8.30am till finished.**

-We need to be finished mid afternoon as the hall is booked for the evening.!

### **More Help Needed Please —Urgently**

We have had a fantastic response to orders with over **14,000** cheese rolls to make!!

It would be really great if **every family** at St Mary's came along for a couple of hours (or more!) to help make them, then you can collect your order.

We need lots & lots of help to make the cheese rolls so if you have family or friends who would like to help please invite them along, it is a great way to meet and socialise while fundraising. Men are welcome too, we have lots of jobs to do like bring in the bread, packing and collating orders, on top of the making!

If you know that you can help it would be great if you could put your name down at the school office, - just so we know we have people to help.

**Thank you for supporting our school and this great fundraiser.**

**Remember—Many hands make light work!**

### A thought for the week...

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels."

Proverbs 1:5

### Sport Fees

The winter sport have started and the fees have been set as follows:

**Basketball \$45** (this includes the entry fee into the Edgar Centre)

**Miniball \$20**

**Netball \$25**

**Hockey \$25**

Please send the money in an envelope, with your child's name(s) and the sport marked on it, to the school office, thanks.

### Kapahaka

We have had a fantastic response to the relaunch to our Kapahaka.

Stacey and John Peita have very kindly agreed to lead this group with St Mary's staff, on Tuesday evenings at 5pm, starting on the 29th May.

Please discuss this with your child and return this permission slip to confirm that your child/ren can take part:

**Yes**, my child is able to join the Kapahaka group

\_\_\_\_\_ child's name.

Please return to the school office, thanks.

### Cross Country

This term the children are practicing for the Cross Country. They are able bring along sports shoes to train in if they wish.

### Radio Station Cancellations

For all school and sport cancellations tune into 97.4 MORE FM or Radio Dunedin 1305 AM and 99.8 FM.

The cancellations are broadcast every 20 minutes from 6am—10am.

### Altar Servers Sunday 20th May

Alex Dodson, Cecilia Crooks, Michaela Sutherland

## e-learning snapshot 4 – Being Cyber Smart

Today's snapshot is focusing working with your learners and being cyber smart.

Being cyber smart is so important to ensure we can enjoy learning online. Our learners need to be informed to be smart and make wise decisions online. A great place to start is to try this quiz with your learner. It is really important to talk to your learner about their choices and decisions online.

**cyber(smart:)**

<http://bit.ly/kUdYaU>

Hector's world at Netsafe is a great place to start for 2-9 year olds.

<http://www.ectorsworld.com/island/index.html>



The net basics is another great place to check out with your learners to learn about avoiding and managing risks.

<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/are-you-doing-the-netbasics/>

The most important thing you can do is be a part of your learner's online world and discuss the opportunities and risks.

Anne Kenneally